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- 1. [Text] San Salvador, 6 Dec (AFP)—The intensification of the civil war in the last month in El Salvador has led to a 'dramatic worsening' of human rights violations in this Central American nation, that in the past 10 years has had one of the saddest records in this area, Catholic Church sources said in San Salvador today.
- 2. The Legal Affairs Office of the San Salvador Archbishopric said that the situation 'is so serious that the number of charges' filed on serious human rights violations and reported daily to this church organization cannot be counted.
- 3. The level of violence against Salvadoran citizens was clearly demonstrated with the massacre of six Jesuit priests, including Ignacio Ellacuria, the rector of the Central American University (UCA), allegedly perpetrated by death squads.
- 4. 'The situation has completely changed our possibilities for exercising some control over the violations,' Lawyer Maria Julia Hernandez, director of the Legal Affairs Office of the Archbishopric, told AFP.
- 5. The official said that almost a month after the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front [FMLN] launched its guerrilla offensive in the capital, ''no one, not even the government, knows the number of guerrillas and soldiers killed in the clashes.''
- 6. ''We have also confirmed the death of another youth, who was beaten so much at the National Police headquarters he had to be taken to a hospital where he died,'' the official said.
- 7. 'There have been more cases like these, but we have not been able to keep up with all the cases reported,' said Lopez [as received], who also said that 'not everyone reports the arrest, disappearance, or death of their relatives for fear of repression.'
- 8. 'We are currently living in a climate of fear, the people are afraid they will be arrested, reported, persecuted, or confused with someone else. They only report a case when it is a life or death

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situation, when they believe they can do something about it because if the relative is already dead, the person only becomes concerned about saving his own life," Hernandez said.

- 9. This week the Armed Forces opened a special office 'in charge of hearing the people's reports' on people who are believed to be cooperating with the 'FMLN terrorists.'
- 10. The military authorities announce each day, through the media, a list of people, especially labor union and student leaders, who have been summoned to the courts for their alleged cooperation with the FMLN during the recent guerrilla offensive in the capital.
- 11. The immigration authorities have also announced more strict control over the entry and length of foreigners' stay in the country, including journalists, many of whom are accused of directly or indirectly cooperating with the rebels.